

2024 STATE OF THE PARISH REPORT

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A letter from Fr. Matt



I'm very happy to say that this year has been a year of growth! We have seen this with our Mass attendance and participation in our sacraments, especially with Baptisms, Marriages, First Holy Communion and Confirmations. While it's exciting to measure our fruits by looking at the amount of sacraments celebrated, it's also important

to look at the growth in our faith as disciples in Christ and what we are doing to help others know Jesus.

Our parishioners have grown in their faith through the numerous discipleship opportunities made available to them, like *Bible Basics for Catholics* by Dr. John Bergsma and the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* by Jeff Cavins. Another means of growing in faith is through giving, and our parishioners continually show their generosity by supporting the parish, our staff, St. Vincent dePaul, the local food pantry, Waterleaf pregnancy clinic, and our Giving Tree at Christmas, to name only a few. It was also a great blessing that the St. Gianna Shrine became an official shrine of the Diocese of Joliet this year with the bishop's presence, along with St. Gianna's daughter!

We have grown to the point that there is a great need to expand and renovate our parish center to fulfill the vision that God has placed within our parish. We recently hired a full-time youth minister for confirmation prep and high school ministry to better reach the youth within our community. Further, at the conclusion of our Alpha sessions we are expanding our outreach by adding small groups of all ages to facilitate a deeper relationship with Christ. Your continued gifts through the Sunday Offertory will help us sustain and grow our ministry work at the parish. The ministry of transforming lives in Christ is the most important work there is in our community!

Thank you for all you do for the parish and for your continued support and prayers.

Jesus, I trust in You,

Fr. Matt



Annual Financial Statement

For the 12 Months Ended June 30,

	Actual 2024	Budget 2025
INCOME		
Sunday Collections	\$1,120,764	\$1,155,000
Other Collections	68,377	70,700
Capital Campaign Donations and Other Restricted Revenue	359,953	120,000 ⁽¹⁾
Unrestricted Receipts	35,464	34,980
Cemetery Receipts, net	-	2,550
ERC Tax Credits	-	47,000 ⁽²⁾
Total Income	\$1,584,558	\$1,430,230
EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries & Stipends	\$496,500	\$552,659
Medical Insurance & Pension Costs	80,524	82,734
Payroll Taxes & Other	44,355	50,282
Overhead/Maintenance	163,337	148,620
Materials, Supplies, Curriculum	88,695	82,020
Professional & Outside Services	173,764	216,929 ⁽³⁾
Diocese Services	59,208	68,748
Cemetery costs, net	23,041	-
Other Expenses	7,301	9,600
Investment in Faith Faith Formation Program	127,324	188,634 ⁽⁴⁾
Investment in St. Mary School	80,004	80,004
Total Expenses	\$1,344,053	\$1,480,230
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$240,505	(\$50,000) ⁽⁵⁾

Capital Campaign Update

We listened to our parishioners' feedback, and as a result we will be presenting a more detailed drawing of the 2.0 Version of the parish center addition and renovation in the near future.

The Building Team is now working to develop expanded plans for the addition and renovation of our parish center. This team, made up of professionals in construction and related fields, is reaching out to several architects for expanded and redesigned drawings of a parish center that takes into consideration much of the input we received in the early design phase.

We are very grateful for your commitments and continued donations toward the campaign. To date we have received over \$400,000 in donations on hand, with another almost \$1M in pledged commitments. We look forward to sharing how these re-envisioned plans will help us achieve our vision to transform lives in Christ, not only now, but for generations to come!

(1) Capital campaign donation commitments were not fully known at the time the 2025 Budget was prepared. As such, the budget only includes revenue needed to cover anticipated campaign-related expenses. Currently, capital campaign donations for the year are projected to be approximately \$392,000.

(2) Estimated Employee Retention Credits expected in 2025; was delayed in 2024.

(3) Includes \$120,000 in budgeted services related to the Capital Campaign building project.

(4) Represents costs of the Faith Formation program in excess of that covered by tuition payments.

(5) The surplus for 2024 is due to Capital Campaign donations received and restricted for that purpose; the shortfall budgeted for 2025 would be funded from reserves on hand.

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